

EXHIBIT A

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**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S
EMERGENCY MOTION TO INTERVENE TO SUE
RECEIVER AND TO STAY RULING ON
RECEIVER'S MOTION TO APPROVE INITIAL
PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (DOC. 114) AND
MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT
THEREOF**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

AUBREY LEE PRICE; et al

Defendants,

**PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY**

Intervention Plaintiff,

v.

**MELANIE E. DAMIAN,
in her capacity as Receiver,**

Intervention Defendant.

**Civil Action No.
1:12-cv-2296-TCB**

COMPLAINT IN INTERVENTION

COMES NOW Protective Life Insurance Company (“Protective”),
Intervention Plaintiff, and for its Complaint in Intervention against Melanie E.
Damian, in her capacity as Receiver, (“Receiver”) states as follows:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Protective is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Tennessee, having its principal place of business in Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Upon information and belief, the Receiver is a resident of Florida.

3. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court by virtue of 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a). This Court has jurisdiction over the main action pursuant to sections 21(d), 21(e), and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d), 78u(e) and 78aa] and Section 214 of the Advisers Act [15 U.S.C. § 80b-14]. This court has jurisdiction over Protective's claims because those claims form part of the same case or controversy as the main action.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

4. In 2009, Price purchased from Liberty Life Insurance Company ("Liberty") Policy L26007137 ("Policy"), a \$250,000 life insurance policy payable upon Price's death.

5. In April of 2011, Protective and Athene Annuity and Life Assurance Company ("Athene") purchased Liberty. As a result of the transaction, Protective assumed all responsibility for and potential liability under all Liberty policies, including the Policy.

6. On July 2, 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), filed a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against various defendants, (“Defendants”), including Aubrey Lee Price (“Price”), alleging offering and advisory fraud perpetrated against investors in two funds by Price and the other Defendants.

7. On August 10, 2012, this Court, pursuant to the SEC’s request, appointed the Receiver to marshal and preserve all assets of the Defendants (“Receivership Assets”) (*See* Doc. No 20 at 2).

8. On December 31, 2012, Price was declared legally deceased by Honorable Greg S. Parker, Circuit Court Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, Hamilton County, Florida, Case No. 2012-CA-424.

9. Following issuance of the order declaring Price legally deceased, the Receiver filed a claim seeking payment of the proceeds of the Policy. Specifically, on January 14, 2013, the Receiver notified Protective that she was making a claim on the Policy and submitted the Order Granting Petition for Presumptive Death Certificate. On March 14, 2013, the Receiver completed a Claimant’s Statement for Death Benefit. On May 3, 2013, the Receiver submitted Price’s Death Certificate.

10. Having received the Order Granting Petition for Presumptive Death Certificate, Price’s Death Certificate, and the Claimant’s Statement for Death Benefit, Protective issued a check to the Receiver in the amount of \$251,510.32

(“Payment”) on July 3, 2013. The Payment consisted of the Policy proceeds of \$250,000.00, a premium refund of \$3.47, and interest of \$1,506.85.

11. On December 6, 2013, the Receiver filed a Motion to Approve (A) Investors and Creditors Claims Procedure; and (B) Initial Plan of Distribution (“Motion for Approval”) (Doc. No. 114). The Motion for Approval explained that the Receiver had recovered \$1,877,207.00 in cash and requested that this Court approve a claims administration process and an initial plan to distribute a portion of the Receivership Assets to certain investors and creditors of the Receivership Estate. (*Id.* at 2-3).

12. On December 17, 2013, the Receiver and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), as receiver for Montgomery Bank & Trust, filed a joint motion seeking to extend the time for the FDIC to respond to the Receiver’s Motion for Approval. (Doc. No. 116).

13. On December 19, 2013, this Court granted the joint motion, giving the FDIC until January 21, 2014 to respond to the Motion for Approval. (Doc. No. 119).

14. On December 31, 2013, Price was discovered alive and arrested during a traffic stop on Interstate 95 in Glynn County, Georgia.

15. On January 10, 2014, Protective send a demand letter to the Receiver requesting that the Receiver return the Payment in full.

16. On January 14, 2014, the Receiver's counsel informed Protective's counsel that the Receiver would not return the Payment to Protective.

17. Protective's obligation to make the Payment could only arise upon the death of Price, the insured. Given that Price is alive, the Payment is not properly a part of the Receivership Assets. Protective is entitled to and hereby seeks to recover the Payment from the Receiver.

COUNT I – DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

18. Protective realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.

19. Protective's obligation to make the Payment could only arise upon the death of Price, the insured, and Protective made the Payment based upon the receipt of documentation indicating that Price had died. Because Price is alive, the Payment is not properly part of the Receivership Assets and should be returned to Protective.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Protective respectfully requests that this Court enter an order declaring that 1) the Payment is not properly part of the Receivership Assets, and 2) that the Receiver is obligated to return the Payment or otherwise pay to Protective an amount equal to the Payment.

COUNT II – MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED

20. Protective realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.

21. Protective, after receiving documentation indicating that Price was deceased, made the Payment to the Receiver.

22. Because Price is alive, the Receiver now holds money, which in equity and good conscience, she should not be permitted to retain.

23. Protective has demanded return of the Payment, but the Receiver has refused to return it.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Protective respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor for \$251,510.32 in compensatory damages, plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other relief to which Protective is justly entitled.

COUNT III – CONVERSION

24. Protective realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.

25. Because Price is alive, Protective has a right to possession of the Payment it previously made to the Receiver after receiving documentation indicating that Price was deceased.

26. The Receiver has possession of the Payment, which was specifically earmarked as the proceeds, premium refund, and interest payable upon the death of Price.

27. Protective has demanded the return of the Payment, but the Receiver has refused to return it.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Protective respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor for \$251,510.32 in compensatory damages, plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other relief to which Protective is justly entitled.

Dated January 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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